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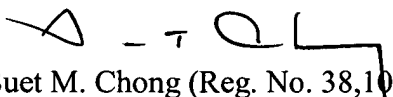
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Sir:

Applicants' representative thanks the Examiner for extending the courtesy of a telephonic interview on April 12, 2006.

During the interview, the Examiner agreed at the representative's request to amend the Notice of Allowability or Examiner's Amendment as follows: (a) specify claim 5 as an allowed claim; (b) replace "4" with "1" after the word "claim" in claim 5; (c) delete "1 or" in claim 3; (d) delete "inhibition," and "or effect" in claim 18; and (e) indicate that all compounds, methods and pharmaceutical compositions falling outside the allowed claims are directed to non-elected subject matter for which applicants may seek protection in one or more divisional applications.

Respectfully submitted,


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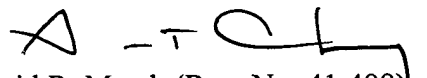
The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. a Statement of Substance of Interview; and
2. a return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 20595.171. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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Enclosures